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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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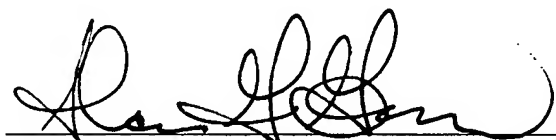
Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 1-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 25, 2004, said period of response being extended from November 25, 2004 to December 25, 2004, making the response due on December 27, 2004.

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Respectfully submitted,

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